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GENERAL TAYLOR NOT TO INVESTIGATE C.I.A.

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WELLS CHURCH: "What is already looming as one of Mr. Kennedy's most significant moves is his appointment today of General Maxwell Taylor to check up on U.S. intelligence and guerrilla warfare capability, known as para-military planning. This is an area of international activity where Americans have often come out a bad second best. Psychologists point out that the average American can't lie very convincingly, and that he makes a very poor spy, both such activities being strong communist

"General Taylor, recalled to service after retiring, will make a wide study--he is not assigned to investigate the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, which has been coming in for quite a lot of criticism over the failure of the initial effort to overthrow Castro by force. It has not been admitted in any way that the CIA did take part in the planning, although some officials have said the decision to go ahead was based in large part on CIA information as to Castro's situation. General Taylor is scheduled to report to Mr. Kennedy in 60 days. What he has to say may furnish a basis for an answer to how a free nation can combat the communist technique of using democratic ways of life to install a dictatorship. And as if to underline the differences in attitude, the Khrushchev message to President Kennedy called the abortive invasion attempt, quote, "a crime which has revolted the whole world." Khrushchev declared the Soviet government seeks no bases in Cuba, nor we intend to establish them. Will Mr. Kennedy denounce the Khrushchev statement as polemical, and a distortion of the basic concepts of the right of man?? The question for Americans to answer is whether they can believe what Khrushchev says about Cuba, or are his words simply propaganda."